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1. Laos

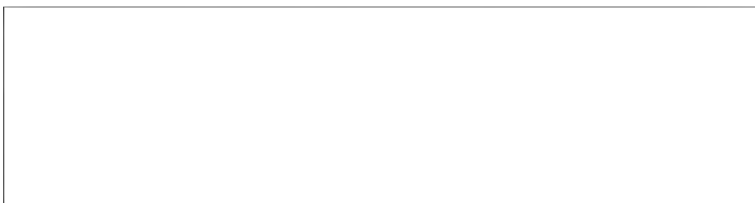
a. The Communist attack appears to have slowed at least temporarily and the neutralist position seems to be stiffening slightly.



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c. In Vientiane, rightist voices are heard criticizing Souvanna for irresolute action. They want more dramatic changes in the government.

d. Meanwhile, press reports out of Peiping, this morning, say Communist China proposes a foreign ministers' conference on Laos to be held next month in Cambodia.

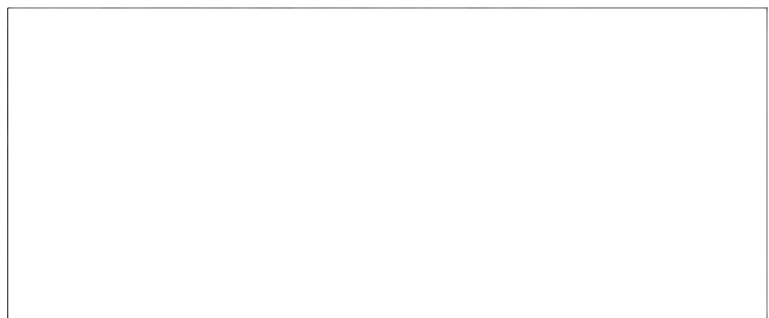


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2. Congo

a. Adoula has asked the UN to send its Nigerian battalion to save the situation in Kivu Province. His own military force in the Bukavu area has disintegrated and refuses to fight.

b. The arrival of well-disciplined Nigerian troops will help to reassure the population and may restore some discipline in the Congo Army.

c. The rebels, however, are riding the crest and remain a threat to Bukavu, the provincial capital. There are dissidents within the city, and the garrison there, partly locally recruited, is unlikely to act effectively.

d. The Kivu dissidents

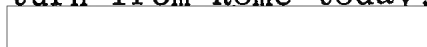
 have picked up better weapons from fleeing Congo Army personnel.

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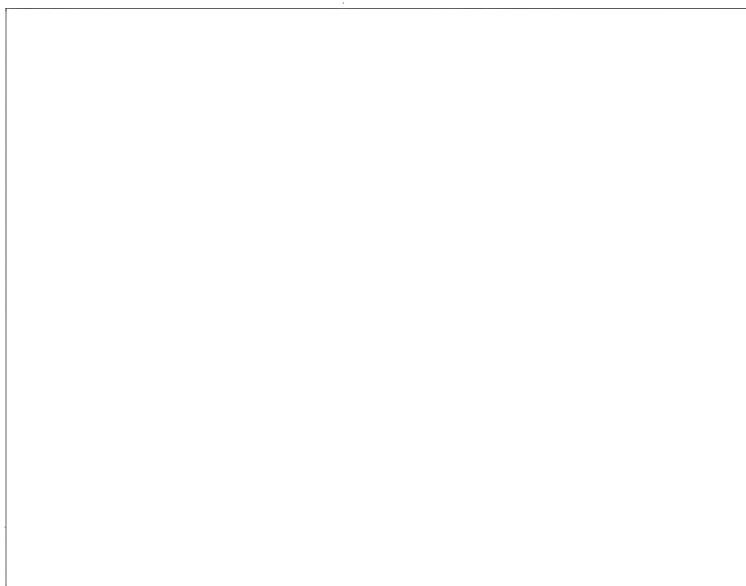
e. There are signs that the army's sad performance in Kivu may encourage pocket rebellions elsewhere.

f. Mobutu is expected to return from Rome today.



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3. UK-Yemen



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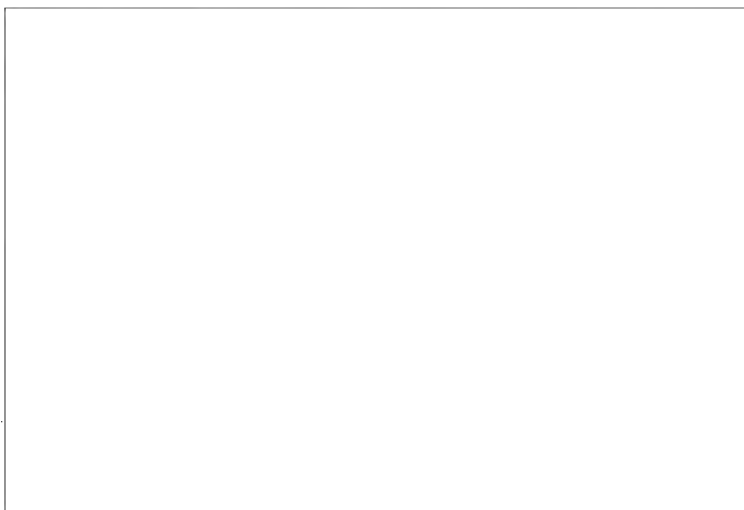
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NOTES

- A. Cuba Cuban forces have begun to relax somewhat their alert posture. Naval headquarters in Havana, yesterday, authorized subordinate units to release a quarter of their personnel from "combat status."
- B. Spain-Cuba-US Press reports (New York Times, 22 May) that Cubans are seeking Spanish help in improving relations with the US are correct says Spain's foreign minister. He told Ambassador Woodward that "a couple of important Spanish diplomats" had received such feelers. He was not specific except to stress that the initiative was entirely Cuban.
- C. USSR Moscow Radio recently featured a talk on how children in Kazakhstan's Virgin Lands are faring. A comment on some of the games they play struck us as interesting. It seems the local version of cops'n'robbers is "frontier troops and border infringer-spy." China is Kazakhstan's only foreign neighbor.
- D. Haiti The Haitian assembly yesterday unanimously adopted a new constitution, one article of which, to nobody's surprise, makes Duvalier president for life. "Popular ratification" by referendum is expected soon.

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